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| Status   |   |   |   |
| 1)⊠ Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>25 (</u>  | October 2007  |   |   |
| <u> </u>   | is action is non-final.   |   |   |
| 3) Since this application is in condition for allows   |   | tters, prosecution as to the merits is  |   |
| closed in accordance with the practice under   |   |   |   |
| Disposition of Claims  |   |   |   |
| 4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-38</u> is/are pending in the applicatio  | n.  |   |   |
| 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-5,8-12,17-22 and   |   | om consideration.   |   |
| 5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.  |   |   |   |
| 6) Claim(s) 6,7,13-16,33,23 and 24 is/are reject   | ted.  |   | • |
| 7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.  |   |   |   |
| 8) Claim(s) <u>1-5,8-12,17-22 and 25-42</u> are subje  | ct to restriction and/or elec   | ction requirement.  |   |
| Application Papers   |   |   |   |
| 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examir  | ner.  | •   |   |
| 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) ☐ ac  | ccepted or b) Objected to   | by the Examiner.  |   |
| Applicant may not request that any objection to th   |   |   |   |
| Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the corre   |   |   |   |
| 11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the E   | Examiner. Note the attach   | ed Office Action or form PTO-152.   |   |
| Priority under 35 Ú.S.C. § 119   |   |   |   |
| 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreig<br>a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:   |   | § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  | , |
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| <ol> <li>Copies of the certified copies of the pri<br/>application from the International Bure</li> </ol>  |   | n received in this National Stage   |   |
| * See the attached detailed Office action for a list   |   | ot received.  |   |
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| 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  |   | v Summary (PTO-413)   |   |
| 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date   | Paper N   | o(s)/Mail Date<br>f Informal Patent Application   |   |
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### DETAILED ACTION

## Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of group II in the reply filed on 10-25-07 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that "claims speak for themselves". This is not found persuasive because it is clear that the group II is drawn to the secondary side self oscillating synchronous rectifier for flux cancellation. Examiner agrees with applicant claim 34 should be properly placed in group I. Therefore group II claims that will be examined is 6, 7, 13-16, 23, 24, and 33.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

## Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 3. Claims 6, 7, 13-16, 23, 24, and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Wittenbreder (USPAP 20030205990). Wittenbreder discloses the claimed invention a self-oscillation synchronous rectifier circuit (see figure 43) with flux canceling primary and secondary winding circuitry (see paragraph 165).

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#### Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bao Q. Vu whose telephone number is (571) 272-2088. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursdays, 8:00AM- 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Akm Ullah can be reached on (571) 272-2361. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner

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